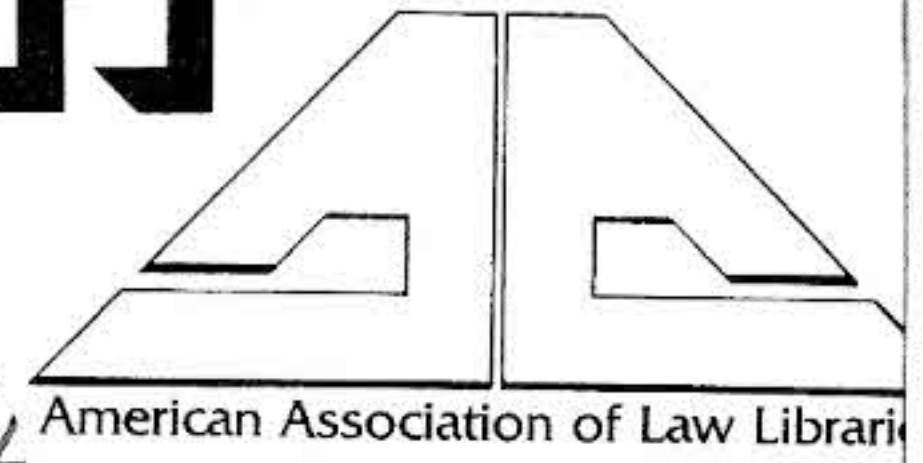


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CHAIRPERSON'S PAGE



It gives me great pleasure to report that our Section has enjoyed a steady growth in membership. The membership has increased from eighty (80) members as of last August to a total of one hundred thirty-six (136) paid members as of March 28, 1978. There are also thirty non-member institutions and organizations which subscribe to our Newsletter. I am also pleased to report that the SCCLL By-laws have been approved by the AALL Executive Board at the winter meeting in Atlanta. We are now officially constituted as a section of AALL.

All committees have filed their progress reports. The Committee on Constitution and By-laws chaired by Bethany Ochal, the Committee on County Law Library Standards chaired by Joel Fishman, the Committee on County Law Library Statistics chaired by Muriel Hoppes, the Committee on Federal Court Law Library Standards and Statistics chaired by Patricia Rodi Monk, the Committee on Membership and Directory chaired by Harriet Lemann, and the Committee on Supreme Court Law Library Standards chaired by Bill Younger are all working very hard to complete their assigned tasks and projects. Their achievements deserve our applause.

Only superlatives can be used to describe Jim Werner's achievement in editing the Newsletter. To Jim, I wish to express my sincere appreciation. The Nominating Committee chaired by D. A. Divilbiss has presented an excellent slate of candidates. All candidates for offices have been chosen by their outstanding qualifications and willingness to serve our Section. Many thanks to D. A. and her committee for a job well done.

Mary Burch, our Local Arrangements Chairperson, is doing her best to make sure that our 1978 annual meeting will be a successful one. Our Section will be headquartered at the Americana Hotel. All programs and activities of our Section will be held at the same place and, thus, we are spared the trouble of shuttling between the two different hotels. I wish to thank Mary Burch and Ruth Gebhard of the AALL Local Arrangements Committee for their help.

We have an exciting program for the annual meeting this year. The meeting will commence on Sunday, June 25, 1978 and conclude on Monday, June 26, 1978. The Sunday program includes business meeting, annual luncheon, and a panel on the Feasibility of Computer Legal Research in Court Law Libraries and Public Access. The Hon. Sue S. Johnson, Assistant State Administrator, Office of Court Administration of the State of New York, will be the speaker at the luncheon. Marion Boner, Director, Texas State Law Library and Edgar Bellefontaine, Law Librarian, Boston Social Law Library, will

be the speakers on the panel. Both Mary Burch and Carol Bratton, chairperson of SCCLL Program Committee, did a great job in inviting such outstanding speakers.

Also included in the program will be a session on Monday morning which will be devoted completely to the standards and statistics. SCCLL chairpersons of the standards and statistics committees will serve as reporters. The program will be both stimulating and informative. You and your guests are cordially invited to attend.

The White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services is scheduled for 1979. The purpose of the White House Conference is to focus the public's attention on libraries. Up to the present time, only two states - Georgia and Pennsylvania have held their state conferences. Judy Foust, member of SCCLL, attended the Pennsylvania state conference and suggested that all SCCLL members should make plans to attend their state conferences. Because of the possibility that the outcome of these conferences may affect the funding and programs of many state, court, and county law libraries, I would like to urge our members to get actively involved in their respective state White House Conferences.

The purpose of our organization is to improve the quality and services of state, court, and county law libraries. Most of our libraries are supported either totally or partially by public funds and are open to the public. Of course, our primary duty is to serve the needs of the organization of which we are a part. However, because of our unique position as public law librarians, we must also take care of the needs of the public. It is hoped that our awareness of the public responsibilities of law librarians will enable us to re-examine our practices and procedures. Our ultimate goal should be to serve all citizens who are in need of legal information and material.

Looking ahead, the future of SCCLL is indeed very bright. We have enjoyed a steady growth in membership. As a result, we are one of the largest sections among all Special Interest Sections of AALL. We publish one of the best section newsletters. We have made substantial progress towards compilation of standards and statistics of state, federal and county law libraries. Without the leadership of committee chairpersons and efforts of our members, none of the above would have been possible. In the meantime, owing to exactly the same kind of spirit of dedication and cooperation, I firmly believe that we, as a group, can achieve any goals we dare to set for ourselves.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Rochester.

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January 3, 1978

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Dear Paul:

At the recently concluded meeting of the AALL Executive Board in Atlanta, I was asked to communicate to you and, through you, to the members of your section, the following Board resolution.

The Bylaws of your Special Interest Section have been reviewed by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and on the advice of that committee, the Executive Board finds no conflict between your bylaws and the constitution and bylaws of the association. You are hereby officially constituted as a special interest section of this association.

However, under Article VII, Section 3, of the AALL Bylaws, the Executive Board requests that your membership amend your bylaws as follows:

1. In Article II, add a sentence 'it shall conduct its affairs in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Association of Law Libraries.'
2. In Article IV, first paragraph, the words 'by the treasurer of AALL' and 'Article VII' should be deleted.
3. In Article IV, the second paragraph, the words 'June 1st through May 31st' should be deleted.
4. Article XII should be deleted.

The Board appreciates your patience in waiting for this formal action and wishes your section the greatest success in all its future activities.

Sincerely yours,

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Sections

